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Energy and Environmental Grant and Loan Guide

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Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Department of Public Utilities (DPU)



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Dear Massachusetts Citizen,

The mission of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is to develop and implement policies that safeguard public health from environmental threats; to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Commonwealth; and to ensure an adequate supply of energy that is reliable, affordable, and clean. We carry-out our mission by partnering with individuals, local businesses, public and nonprofit entities and by providing grants and loans to support grassroots energy and environmental initiatives. Governor Patrick and I are firmly committed to helping citizens understand and access the many grant, loan and technical assistance programs that the EEA and our six agencies have to offer. We are therefore making available this guide to help residents and others find the grant program that best meets their needs while promoting energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.

EEA and its six agencies, the Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), offer nearly 50 grant and loan programs providing over \$50 million in grants and \$420 million in loans annually. These programs are designed to address a wide variety of issues and sectors, including Agriculture, Energy, Forestry, Land and Recreation, Waste and Recycling, Water, Emergency Planning, and more.

There is considerable change under way at EEA and in our grant programs. Grants for land conservation, for instance, are taking on a new focus with Governor Patrick's identification of three priority areas for investment: *Commonwealth Urban Parks*, which will create new urban parks in city neighborhoods that need them; *Commonwealth Habitat Reserves*, which protect the state's few remaining large blocs of unfragmented habitat; and *Commonwealth Working Landscapes*, which preserve agricultural and forestry lands. Existing land programs have taken on new, more descriptive names, as Self-Help has become Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) and Urban Self-Help is now Park Acquisition and Renovation for Communities (PARC). In addition, new grant programs will be developed as a result of landmark clean energy legislation signed by Governor Patrick this year. These include a Green Communities Program created by the Green Communities Act, and new workforce development and job-training grants authorized by the Green Jobs Act. Further change is expected as the EEA coordinates and streamlines its grant-making programs under the new Office of Grants and Technical Assistance (see contact information on the next page), so applicants are strongly encouraged to check with the manager of each program to obtain the latest information.

Thanks for sharing our commitment to clean energy and the environment. We look forward to partnering with you.

Sincerely,

Ian A. Bowles
Secretary

Introduction

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has a wide variety of grant and loan programs to assist communities, landowners, and others in conserving energy and protecting the environment. This guide provides essential information on each program, including a description of the program's purpose, eligible applicants, expected funding level for this fiscal year, application deadlines, program website, and program contact information.

The guide is organized by program category (see below) and also offers an index at the conclusion of the guide for those looking for a particular grant program by name or by agency.

In addition to consulting this guide, potential applicants are urged to visit individual program websites and Comm-PASS (www.comm-pass.com/), the Commonwealth's central repository for information on state contracts, product and service solicitations, and Requests For Responses (RFRs). Many of the energy and environmental grant programs also are part of the Commonwealth Capital (Comm Cap) policy which is designed to encourage municipalities to adopt "Smart Growth/Smart Energy" practices. Please visit www.mass.gov/commcap for more information or to download the Comm Cap application. Finally, as program information is constantly changing, applicants are encouraged to contact individual grant and loan program managers for the most current information on application criteria and deadlines.

For additional assistance, please email EEAgrants@state.ma.us, call (617) 626-7887, or write to:

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Agricultural Programs

Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program (AEEP)

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: For the purchase of materials to implement agricultural conservation practices that improve water quality, conserve water, reduce greenhouse gas emissions or conserve energy.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/programs/aEEP

Eligible Applicants: Farmers/growers/shellfish growers as identified by MGL engaged in commercial agriculture production.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: June

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$550,000

Average Grant Size: \$13,000 average (\$1,061 - \$30,000).

Average # of Grants: 30

FY08 Spending: \$435,898

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Agricultural Innovation Center

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: The grantees of this program will become collaborative partners with the Department and will agree to implement and administer projects that are aimed at addressing an immediate needs of one or a variety of Massachusetts agricultural commodity groups that will also provide opportunities for long term economic development within or related to the target commodities.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/programs/aic

Eligible Applicants: Massachusetts entities (companies and/or individuals) who are actively engaged in the production of the Massachusetts agricultural product(s) targeted by DAR.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: August

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$1,250,000

Average Grant Size: Average - \$80,000.00; Maximum - \$150,000.00; Minimum - \$25,000

Average # of Grants: n/a

FY08 Spending: \$189,164

Contact: Daniel Rhodes, 617-626-1728
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Agricultural Innovation Center's Marketing Programs

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: For projects to market Massachusetts agriculture and agricultural products.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/programs/aic

Eligible Applicants: Massachusetts non-profits and/or agricultural commodity groups.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$300,000

Average Grant Size: up to \$25,000

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$300,000

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Agricultural Preservation Restriction

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: The APR Program is a voluntary program which offers a non-development alternative to farmers and other owners of "prime" and "state important" agricultural land who are faced with a decision regarding future use and disposition of their farms. Towards this end, the program offers to pay farmers the difference between the "fair market value" and the "agricultural value" of their farmland in exchange for a permanent deed restriction which precludes any use of the property that will have a negative impact on its agricultural viability.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/landuse/APR/

Eligible Applicants: Farmers, Owners of "Prime" or "State Important" Agricultural Land, and Municipalities; There are requirements and selection criteria concerning both the land itself and the municipality containing the land.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: Rolling

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$13,000,000

Average Grant Size: Varies

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$10,500,000

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Buy Local Campaigns

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: The Department awards funds to regional Buy Local campaigns in the Commonwealth to accomplish the following goals: 1) To increase the cash receipts for farmers from local sales of agricultural products or other locally produced products from primarily local ingredients grown or made in the Applicant's respective region of the State; 2) To increase recognition of Massachusetts agriculture in a specific region of western, central, northeastern or southeastern Massachusetts by working directly with the agricultural community in that particular region; 3) To attract regional partners among traditional and non-traditional groups to support and promote agriculture in the region including leveraging other dollars; and 4) To help to build local capacity to do similar activities independently in the future.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/massgrown

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility is restricted to non-profit organizations with direct experience working with the local agricultural community.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: September

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$250,000

Average Grant Size: \$50,000

Average # of Grants: 4

FY08 Spending: \$200,000

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Farm Viability Enhancement Program

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: The Farm Viability Enhancement Program is a business planning program that provides technical assistance and advice to farmers who wish to diversify or modernize operations, remain efficient and competitive, and be environmentally sustainable. Funding is available for farmers to implement improvements recommended in their business plan if they are willing to agree to a short term non-development covenant on their farmland.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/programs/farmviability

Eligible Applicants: Applicant must own, or be a Co-applicant with the owner of, at least 5 acres of land, which must be in active agricultural use and managed as a commercial enterprise by the Applicant for at least the three previous years.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: June

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$1,000,000

Average Grant Size: Varies

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$1,000,000

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Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Cost-shared grants for flood mitigation planning and projects for communities (pre- and post-disaster).

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/mitigate/grants.htm and www.mass.gov/mema

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities with repetitive flood loss properties participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: December

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$205,200

Average Grant Size: no set maximum, limited by available funds; typical grant between \$100,000 and \$500,000

Average # of Grants: typically between 1 and 5

FY08 Spending: \$1,011,835

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Cost-shared grants for natural hazard mitigation planning and projects for communities (post-disaster).

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/mitigate/grants.htm and www.mass.gov/mema

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, state agencies, certain non-profits.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: Dependent on future Presidential disaster declarations.

Estimated FY09 Spending: Depends on timing of FEMA approvals.

Average Grant Size: Typically between \$100,000 and \$500,000

Average # of Grants: Varies widely depending on available funds

FY08 Spending: \$479,100

Contact: Rich Zingarelli, (617) 626-1406

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Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Cost-shared grants for natural hazard mitigation planning and projects for communities (pre- and post-disaster).

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/mitigate/grants.htm and www.mass.gov/mema

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, state agencies, certain non-profits.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: December

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD, up to \$3,850,000 depending on FEMA review/approvals

Average Grant Size: Maximum grant \$3 million

Average # of Grants: varies widely due to national grant competition

FY08 Spending: \$162,000

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Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Allows eligible fire departments to expand their expertise, purchase tools necessary to carry out vital public safety functions and assist high risk communities in reducing problematic hazard mitigation concerns in the Wildland Urban Interface.

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/firecont/vfagrant.htm

Eligible Applicants: Non-profit, rural call, or 80% volunteer fire departments in communities with populations less than 10,000.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

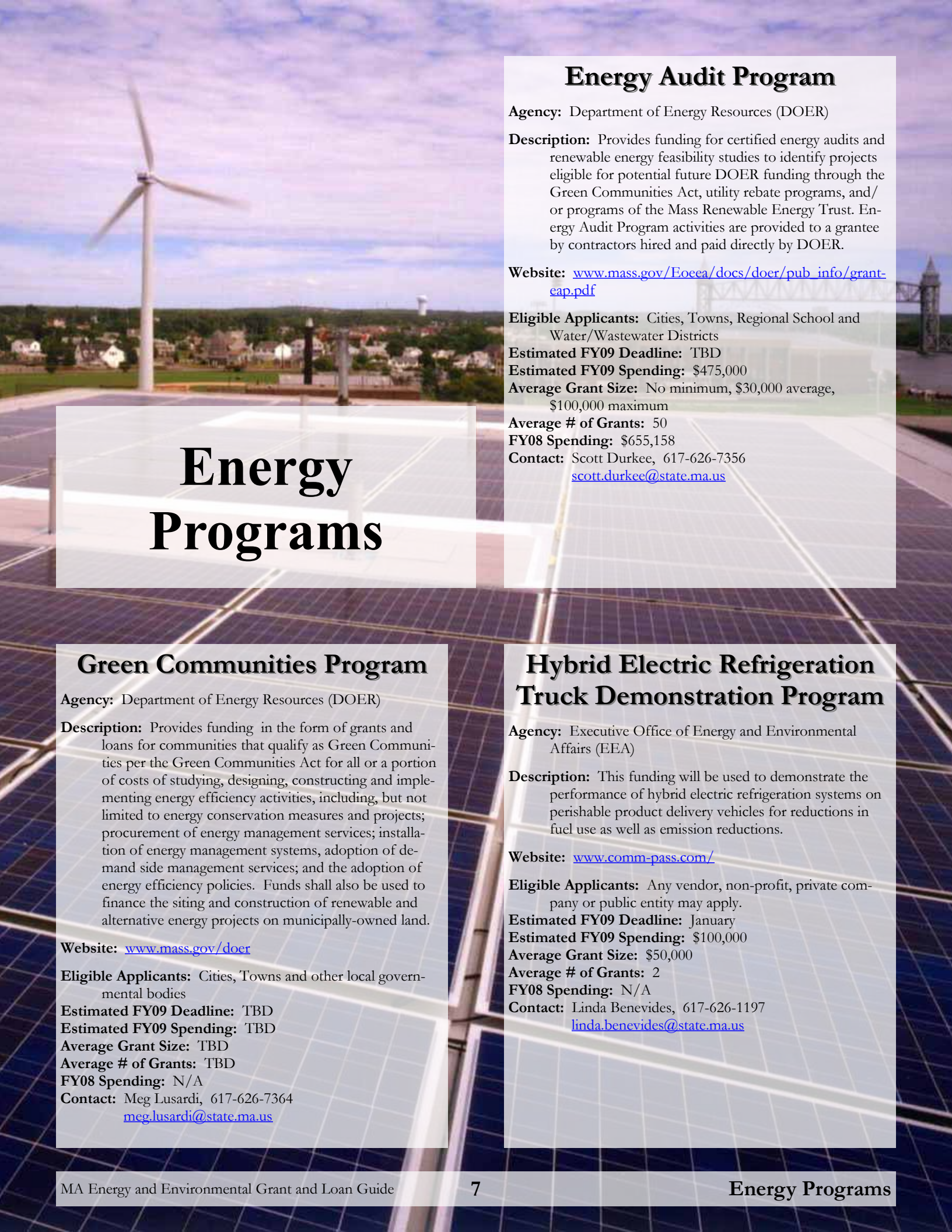
Average Grant Size: up to \$2,000

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$72,961

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Energy Programs

Energy Audit Program

Agency: Department of Energy Resources (DOER)

Description: Provides funding for certified energy audits and renewable energy feasibility studies to identify projects eligible for potential future DOER funding through the Green Communities Act, utility rebate programs, and/or programs of the Mass Renewable Energy Trust. Energy Audit Program activities are provided to a grantee by contractors hired and paid directly by DOER.

Website: www.mass.gov/Eoeca/docs/doer/pub_info/grant-eap.pdf

Eligible Applicants: Cities, Towns, Regional School and Water/Wastewater Districts

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$475,000

Average Grant Size: No minimum, \$30,000 average, \$100,000 maximum

Average # of Grants: 50

FY08 Spending: \$655,158

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Green Communities Program

Agency: Department of Energy Resources (DOER)

Description: Provides funding in the form of grants and loans for communities that qualify as Green Communities per the Green Communities Act for all or a portion of costs of studying, designing, constructing and implementing energy efficiency activities, including, but not limited to energy conservation measures and projects; procurement of energy management services; installation of energy management systems, adoption of demand side management services; and the adoption of energy efficiency policies. Funds shall also be used to finance the siting and construction of renewable and alternative energy projects on municipally-owned land.

Website: www.mass.gov/doer

Eligible Applicants: Cities, Towns and other local governmental bodies

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: TBD

Average # of Grants: TBD

FY08 Spending: N/A

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Hybrid Electric Refrigeration Truck Demonstration Program

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: This funding will be used to demonstrate the performance of hybrid electric refrigeration systems on perishable product delivery vehicles for reductions in fuel use as well as emission reductions.

Website: www.comm-pass.com/

Eligible Applicants: Any vendor, non-profit, private company or public entity may apply.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: January

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$100,000

Average Grant Size: \$50,000

Average # of Grants: 2

FY08 Spending: N/A

Contact: Linda Benevides, 617-626-1197
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Leading By Example Pilot Project Program

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and
Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: Small pilot project awards made
to state agencies & state higher educa-
tion institutions for innovative sustain-
ability projects.

Website: www.mass.gov/eea

Eligible Applicants: Any state agency or
state higher education institution.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$16,000

Average # of Grants: 10 to 15

FY08 Spending: \$178,247

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Forest Stewardship Program

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Encourages landowners to practice long-term guardianship through the development of a management plan for their woodlands.

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/service/steward.htm

Eligible Applicants: For Stewardship Plan Grants: Municipalities and private landowners;
For Management Practice Grants: Private landowners;
Not eligible: Corporations with publicly held stock and wood products processors.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: Up to \$6,600 for Stewardship Plan Grants; Up to \$1,230 for Management Practice Grants

Average # of Grants: 200

FY08 Spending: N/A

Contact: Steve Anderson, (413) 256-1201
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Forest Viability Program

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: This program provides technical assistance and financial support to forest landowners for the purpose of improving the ecological integrity and economic viability of the state's 2.4 million acres of private forestland.

Website: [N/A](#)

Eligible Applicants: Eligible landowners include non-industrial, private landowners currently engaged in a forest-based business that own forestland under a forest management plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Ch. 61 program.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$19,700 Min. and \$25,000 Max.

Average # of Grants: 7

FY08 Spending: N/A

Contact: Jennifer Fish, 413-545-5753
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Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grants

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Assists in building support for the long term protection and management of community trees and forests; This program is a merger of 3 former separate grant programs: Heritage Tree Care, Mass Re-leaf, and Urban Forest Planning and Education.

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/forestry/urban/urbanGrants.htm

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities and non-profits

Estimated FY09 Deadline: November 1 & May 1

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$200,000

Average Grant Size: Up to \$30,000

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$190,250

Contact: Eric Seaborn, (617) 626-1468
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Land & Recreation Programs

Conservation Partnership

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: To assist not-for-profit corporations in acquiring land and interests in lands suitable for conservation or recreation.

Website: www.mass.gov/eea

Eligible Applicants: A non-profit corporation, formed for one of the purposes described in Section 4 of Chapter 180 of the General Laws and considered an exempt organization within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. section 501(c) (3).

Estimated FY09 Deadline: July

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$1,500,000

Average Grant Size: \$75,000

Average # of Grants: 8

FY08 Spending: \$873,495

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Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: Provides grants to assist public water systems and municipalities in acquiring land to protect the quality of public drinking water supplies.

Website: www.mass.gov/dep/water/dwgrant.htm

Eligible Applicants: Massachusetts Municipalities and Public Water Systems

Estimated FY09 Deadline: September 5th, 2008

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$2,000,000

Average Grant Size: \$290,500

Average # of Grants: 6

FY08 Spending: \$1,765,955

Contact: Kathy Romero, 617-292-5727

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Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: The Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund (P.L.88-578) provides up to 50% of the total project cost for the acquisition, development and renovation of park, recreation or conservation areas.

Website: www.mass.gov/eea

Eligible Applicants: Municipal conservation commissions, park departments, and certain agencies within EEA. Municipalities must have a current open space and recreation plan to apply, and the land must be open to the general public.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: July

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: Average \$424,000; Minimum \$250,000, Maximum \$500,000

Average # of Grants: Typically 5 per year.

FY08 Spending: \$470,000

Contact: Celia Riechel, 617-626-1187
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Gateway City Parks Program

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: This program, presently under development, is intended to fund the creation and restoration of parks and recreational facilities in underserved urban neighborhoods within the Commonwealth's Gateway Cities.

Website: N/A

Eligible Applicants: Participants in Governor Patrick's Gateway Plus Initiative

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$4,000,000

Average Grant Size: \$400,000

Average # of Grants: 2

FY08 Spending: \$812,330

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LAND: Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: Provides grant assistance to city and town conservation commissions for the acquisition of open space for conservation and passive recreation purposes (formerly the Self-Help Program).

Website: www.mass.gov/eea

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities must have a current open space and recreation plan to apply, the land must be open to the general public; communities with any outstanding conversion issues ("Article 97") are not eligible.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: July

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$5,000,000

Average Grant Size: Average \$345,000; Minimum \$75,000; Maximum \$500,000

Average # of Grants: Typically 20 per year.

FY08 Spending: \$6,748,560

Contact: Celia Riechel, 617-626-1187

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PARC: Parkland Acquisitions & Renovations for Communities

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: Provides grant assistance to cities and towns to acquire parkland, develop new parks, or renovate existing outdoor public recreation facilities (formerly the Urban Self-Help Program).

Website: www.mass.gov/eea

Eligible Applicants: Any town with a population of 35,000 or more year-round residents, or any city regardless of size, that has an authorized park /recreation commission and conservation commission, is eligible to participate in the program. Communities that do not meet the population criteria listed above may still qualify under the "small town," "regional," or "statewide" project provisions of the program. Municipalities must have a current open space and recreation plan to apply, and the land must be open to the general public.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: July

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$8,000,000

Average Grant Size: Awards range from \$50,000 to \$500,000

Average # of Grants: 21-25

FY08 Spending: \$8,040,983

Contact: Melissa Cryan, 617-626-1171

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Landowner Incentive Program

Agency: Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Description: The purpose of this program is to restore or create wildlife habitats for the benefit of species-at-risk on private lands in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The grants are intended to establish partnerships between the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and private landowners.

Website: www.mass.gov/dfwcle/dfw/habitat/grants/lip/lip_home.htm

Eligible Applicants: Private landowners, sportsmen's clubs, land trusts, and non-profit groups

Estimated FY09 Deadline: December

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$700,000

Average Grant Size: \$5,000 to \$50,000

Average # of Grants: 35

FY08 Spending: \$492,453

Contact: Tracy Grazia, 508-389-6387

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Recreational Trails Program

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Provides funding support for a variety of motorized and non-motorized trail development and trail maintenance projects.

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/greenway/regionalGrants.htm

Eligible Applicants: Non-profits, government agencies, and municipalities

Estimated FY09 Deadline: Summer

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$2,000 - \$50,000. Projects larger than \$50,000 considered for statewide projects

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$550,000

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Municipal Sustainability Grant Program

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: Provides cities, towns, schools and certain regional government entities with equipment, outreach materials, technical assistance and funding for waste reduction, water conservation, household hazardous waste and mercury diversion, and air quality programs and projects.

Website: www.mass.gov/dcp/recycle/recawgr.htm

Eligible Applicants: Massachusetts municipalities and regional governments

Estimated FY09 Deadline: September

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$5,000 average (\$100-\$25,000).

Average # of Grants: 160

FY08 Spending: \$827,000

Contact: Tina Klein, 617-292-5704

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TAG (Technical Assistance Grants) Program

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: Grants provide resources for municipalities and community groups to hire technical experts to help them better understand and get involved in hazardous waste site cleanups that impact them.

Website: www.mass.gov/dcp/cleanup/tagnote.htm

Eligible Applicants: Communities and citizen groups

Estimated FY09 Deadline: May

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$100,000

Average Grant Size: \$10,000

Average # of Grants: Maximum of 10

FY08 Spending: \$70,000

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Water Programs

Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program

Agency: Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Description: Grants for construction or renovation of tie-up facilities for transient recreational boats that are 26 feet or greater.

Website: <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/>

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, private boating facilities, and non-profits; See 50 CFR 86

Estimated FY09 Deadline: September

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$100,000

Average Grant Size: \$50,000

Average # of Grants: 1 to 4

FY08 Spending: \$89,135

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Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Minigrant Program

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) - Coastal Zone Management

Description: The Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program offers these grants to assist interested Buzzards Bay watershed municipalities in the protection of open space, rare and endangered species habitat, and freshwater and saltwater wetlands, and to help restore tidally restricted salt marshes, to purchase oil spill containment equipment, to restore fish runs, and to remediate stormwater discharges threatening water quality. These funds have been made available in accordance with US EPA National Estuary Program Cooperative Agreements and are part of an ongoing Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Grant Program implemented by the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program.

Website: www.buzzardsbay.org

Eligible Applicants: Eligible towns include Fall River, Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Acushnet, Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Middleborough, Carver, Plymouth, Bourne, Falmouth, and Gosnold. However, specific restoration and protection projects must lie principally within the Buzzards Bay watershed.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: September

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$185,000

Average Grant Size: \$20,000

Average # of Grants: 5

FY08 Spending: \$104,429

Contact: Sarah Williams, 508-291-3625 x13
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Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Program

Agency: Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Description: Grants for construction, operation and maintenance of pump out facilities for recreational boaters.

Website: www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/cvabig.htm#cva

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, Private Boating Facilities, and Non-profits; See 50 CFR 85

Estimated FY09 Deadline: October

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$1,000,000

Average Grant Size: \$10,000

Average # of Grants: 85

FY08 Spending: \$942,050

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Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: Provides subsidized loans to assist municipalities and wastewater districts in the implementation of capital projects that protect, enhance, or mitigate impacts to water quality and public health.

Website: www.mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/wastewat.htm

Eligible Applicants: Any Massachusetts wastewater district or municipality

Estimated FY09 Deadline: August

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Loan Size: \$5,290,704

Average # of Loans: 70

FY08 Spending: \$338,605,030

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Coastal Pollutant Remediation (CPR) Grant Program

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) - Coastal Zone Management

Description: The CPR Program provides funding to municipalities located within the Massachusetts coastal watershed for the assessment and remediation of stormwater pollution from paved surfaces, or for the design, installation, and upgrade of boat waste pumpout facilities. Municipalities may request up to \$125,000 for stormwater remediation or boat pumpout projects.

Website: www.mass.gov/czm/cprgp.htm

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities located in the greater Massachusetts Coastal Watershed (see www.mass.gov/czm/twnscws.htm)

Estimated FY09 Deadline: September

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$650,000

Average Grant Size: \$80,000

Average # of Grants: 7

FY08 Spending: \$393,231

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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: Provides subsidized interest (2%) capital project loans to assist public water systems and municipalities responsible for providing a safe and adequate supply of drinking water in compliance with federal and state Safe Drinking Water Acts.

Website: www.mass.gov/dep/water/wastewater/wastewat.htm

Eligible Applicants: Any Massachusetts public water supplier

Estimated FY09 Deadline: August

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Loan Size: \$2,699,789

Average # of Loans: 36

FY08 Spending: \$83,693,450

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Federal 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: To prevent, control and abate nonpoint source pollution through implementation of structural and non-structural best management practices.

Website: www.mass.gov/dep/water/grants.htm

Eligible Applicants: Any Massachusetts public or private organization

Estimated FY09 Deadline: June

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$145,000

Average # of Grants: 15

FY08 Spending: \$1,908,431

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Federal 604b Water Quality Management Planning Grant Program

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: Assists regional planning agencies and other eligible recipients in providing water quality assessment and planning assistance to local communities.

Website: www.mass.gov/dep/water/grants.htm

Eligible Applicants: Regional planning agencies, conservation districts, cities and towns

Estimated FY09 Deadline: December

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$40,000

Average # of Grants: 5

FY08 Spending: \$108,041

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Governor's Seaport Advisory Council Seaport Improvement Grants

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: The Governor's Seaport Advisory Council (SAC) approves grant projects, with the Lt. Governor as Chair. The Office of Waterways issues grants approved through the Rivers and Harbors Grant Program to municipalities. These grants are available pursuant to Chapter 28 of the Acts and Resolves of 1996, the Seaport Bond bill, for the "revitalization and development of the Commonwealth's seaports." Grants are awarded for "the preparation of plans, studies, construction, alteration, and improvement of various state, municipal, and other properties, and for the purpose of improving the economy and infrastructure of the Commonwealth" (C.28, 1996).

Website: www.mass.gov/seaports/

Eligible Applicants: Primarily Designated Port Cities and other Municipalities

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: Varies

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$9,741,351

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Mass Environmental Trust

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: The Trust's mission is to develop, coordinate, and fund projects that encourage cooperative efforts to raise environmental awareness and enable innovative approaches that can restore, protect, and improve water and water-related resources of the Commonwealth.

Website: www.mass.gov/eea/met

Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations; schools and institutions of higher education; municipalities.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: October

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$950,000

Average Grant Size: \$5,000-\$50,000

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$849,307

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Natural Resource Damages (NRD): Housatonic River

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: In October 2000, a \$19.7 million NRD settlement was signed as part of a global settlement for clean-up and restoration of the General Electric/Housatonic River 21e/RCRA site. The Trustees of the settlement (including MA EEA and USFWS) are working with the citizens of Berkshire County and other constituencies in order to develop and implement Restoration Plans to address contaminants into the Housatonic River environment. 10 multi-year projects were approved for "Round 1" of the program in FY08, addressing aquatic resources/habitat, terrestrial resources/habitat, recreational uses, and environmental education/outreach. An RFR for Round 2 is expected to be issued in FY09. See website for more details.

Website: www.ma-housatonicrestoration.org/

Eligible Applicants: (Round 2) Consistent with Final Restoration Plan and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (RP/SEA) for Round 1 on website.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: TBD

Average # of Grants: TBD

FY08 Spending: N/A

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Natural Resource Damages (NRD): New Bedford Harbor

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: The New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council (composed of EEA, NOAA, USFWS) is overseeing restoration at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site to address injuries to sediments, water column, wildlife, and fisheries, which have been highly contaminated with PCBs as a result of industrial discharges into the harbor. Restoration projects are funded via the \$20.2 million NRD payment made to the Trustees by the responsible parties. Three rounds of restoration have been implemented to date. A fourth Round of restoration is expected in FY09, with NOAA taking the lead on behalf of the Trustee Council in soliciting project proposals.

Website: www.darrp.noaa.gov/northeast/new_bedford/

Eligible Applicants: TBD

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: TBD

Average # of Grants: TBD

FY08 Spending: N/A

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Natural Resource Damages (NRD): Textron MMR

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)

Description: In October 2007, State and Federal Trustees entered into a \$1.3 Million Natural Resource Damages (NRD) settlement with Textron Systems Corporation (TSC), a defense contractor that conducted weapons testing in a section of the Massachusetts Military Reservation Superfund site (MMR). The settlement resolves state and federal NRD claims against TSC, with the state portion of the NRD settlement at \$1 million and the federal-only portion at \$300,000. Restoration planning is now underway to expend approximately \$1 million in NRD recovered by EEA for injuries to groundwater at MMR due to releases from TSC at MMR.

Website: [N/A](#)

Eligible Applicants: TBD

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: TBD

Average # of Grants: TBD

FY08 Spending: N/A

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Rivers and Harbors Grant Program

Agency: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

Description: Grants requiring matching funds for studies, surveys, design & engineering, environmental permitting and construction that addresses problems on coastal & inland waterways, lakes, ponds and great ponds. Grants are awarded in the following categories: 1) Coastal Waterways - for commercial and recreational navigation safety & to improve coastal habitat by improving tidal interchange; 2) Inland Waterways - to improve recreational use, water quality & wildlife habitats; 3) Erosion Control - to protect public facilities and reduce downstream sedimentation; 4) Flood Control - to reduce flood potentials.

Website: www.mass.gov/dcr/grants.htm

Eligible Applicants: Federal Cost Share, Municipalities and non-profits

Estimated FY09 Deadline: Rolling

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: Varies

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$284,300

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Riverways Program Grants for River Restoration & Revitalization Priority Projects

Agency: Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Description: Program helps to restore the ecological integrity of rivers and streams throughout MA working in partnership with federal, state, and municipal governments, watershed associations and other organizations. Supports sustainable river restoration projects that restore natural processes, remove ecosystem stressors, increase the resilience of the ecosystem; support riverine habitat, promote passage of fish and wildlife through dam and other barrier removal. Support is also provided for urban stream revitalization projects that improve the interconnection between water quality, aquatic ecology, physical river structure and land use, taking into consideration the social, cultural and economic landscape.

Website: www.mass.gov/dfwele/river/programs/stream/

Eligible Applicants: Open to public agencies and 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organizations, including, but not limited to state agencies, cities and towns, regional planning agencies, watershed organizations, and land trusts for work on selected priority projects.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: range has been \$5,000 to \$ 50,000

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$19,085

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Riverways' Stream Team Implementation Awards

Agency: Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Description: Stream Team implementation awards are intended to restore ecological integrity of rivers by providing seed money for local projects that are identified by assessment, priority setting and action planning at the local level through the work of local Stream Teams (composed of municipal officials, residents, non-profit and business representatives), as well as providing for new assessments leading directly to implementation of river protection.

Website: www.mass.gov/dfwele/river/programs/adoptastream/aimplementation_awards.htm

Eligible Applicants: Non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status and municipalities (by the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, etc) are eligible to apply, and projects must be directly related to Stream Teams or Stream Team work. Stream Teams are encouraged to work in partnership with watershed associations, land trusts, Conservation Commissions and other town boards.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: TBD

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$1,500 - \$ 10,000

Average # of Grants: Varies

FY08 Spending: \$28,482

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Water Conservation Grants

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Description: To assist public water systems and municipalities in addressing drinking water losses through water audits, leak detection, water conservation plans and GIS mapping.

Website: www.mass.gov/dep/water/wlpgprog.htm

Eligible Applicants: Any Massachusetts public water system or municipality

Estimated FY09 Deadline: June

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: \$31,543

Average # of Grants: 20

FY08 Spending: \$662,397

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Wetlands Restoration Program Grants for Priority Projects

Agency: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) - Coastal Zone Management

Description: The mission of the Office of Coastal Zone Management's Wetlands Restoration Program (CZM-WRP) is to help people voluntarily restore the state's degraded and former coastal wetlands and the invaluable services they provide. Working with many federal, state, and local partners, CZM-WRP pursues this mission with activities in the following core program areas: partnerships, project implementation, restoration planning, education and outreach, and monitoring.

Website: www.mass.gov/czm/wrp/projects_pages/priority_projects.htm

Eligible Applicants: Open to any Massachusetts public or 501(c)(3) certified non-profit organization, including, but not limited to state agencies, cities and towns, regional planning agencies, watershed organizations, and public schools. Two classes of wetland restoration activities conducted to support WRP-designated Priority Projects are eligible for funding: (1) performance of construction and construction-related activities for wetland restoration and (2) pre- or post-construction monitoring of wetland restoration projects. Applications may only be submitted for projects that have already been nominated and accepted as designated Priority Projects.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: February

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$220,000

Average Grant Size: \$25,000

Average # of Grants: 8

FY08 Spending: \$200,000

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Other Programs

Shooting Range Maintenance and Enhancement Projects

Agency: Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Description: The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) receives annual reimbursement grants pursuant to the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act.) The act encourages the expenditure of such federal reimbursement grants for wildlife-associated outdoor recreation projects, including hunter education programs, and the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target and shooting ranges. Mass-Wildlife seeks to provide access for the public to range facilities for hunter education and shooting sports purposes by assisting shooting club range maintenance and enhancement activities.

Website: www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/hed/hed_range_enhancement.htm

Eligible Applicants: Open to all 501(c)(3) organizations

Estimated FY09 Deadline: November

Estimated FY09 Spending: \$50,000

Average Grant Size: \$3,000 to \$7,000

Average # of Grants: 10

FY08 Spending: \$29,648

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Orthopedic Care to Retired Greyhounds

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: To provide orthopedic care to eligible retired Massachusetts greyhounds.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/greyhound/greyhound_grants.htm

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility is restricted to licensed veterinarians.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: Rolling

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: N/A

Average # of Grants: 1

FY08 Spending: N/A

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Veterinary Services to Retired Greyhound Racers

Agency: Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR)

Description: To provide veterinary services to eligible retired Massachusetts greyhounds.

Website: www.mass.gov/agr/greyhound/greyhound_grants.htm

Eligible Applicants: Eligibility is restricted to licensed veterinarians.

Estimated FY09 Deadline: Rolling

Estimated FY09 Spending: TBD

Average Grant Size: N/A

Average # of Grants: 1

FY08 Spending: \$40,000

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